Installation of equipments at Akashvani Bhavan

227. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether work pertaining to furnishing and installation of equipments etc. at Akashvani Bhavan in Tamil Nadu has been completed;

(b) by when the broadcasting of local and other programmes is likely to be started therefrom;

(c) the total amount spent on the construction of the said building; and

(d) the number of employees working there category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) There is no scheme as such to establish an Akashvani Bhavan in Tamil Nadu. However, as a part of the ongoing 7th Plan Schemes, three new Radio Stations, one each at Kodaikanal, Tuticorin and Ootacamund are envisaged to be set up by the end of March, 1993. An amount of Rs. 117.60 lakhs for civil works had been spent for the Radio Stations at Kodaikanal, Tuticorin and Ootacamund upto 31.3.90. No employee is posted at these stations at present.

Setting up of TV Station in Tamil Nadu

228. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up more T.V. Stations in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the names and locations of proposed T. V. Stations;

(c) by when these stations are likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The following TV projects are under implementation in the State of Tamil Nadu:

(i) establishment of additional studio facilities for Second Channel TV Service at Madras. This project is envisaged to be commissioned into service during 1992-93; and

(ii) installation of a High Power (10 KW) TV transmitter with a 300 M high tower at Rameshwaram. This project is envisaged to be commissioned into service during 1993-94.

In addition, it has been decided to set up a Low Power (100W) TV transmitter at Nagapattinam under Doordarshan's Annual plan for the year 1990-91. Action has been initiated to obtain formal approval of the Government for establishment of a TV Studio Centre at Madurai. The lead time for completion of the projects of this nature is around four years after commencement of civil works at the site.

Selection process in public Enterprises

229. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a series of objections have been made in regard to selection process of the Public Enterprises Selection Board;

(b) whether a number of lapses have been noticed;

(c) whether objections have been raised against the wrong process of empanelment of persons from a post of Director in the National Mineral Development Corporation Limited; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and details of selection made by PESB during the past six months for different companies?